

July 15, 1897

DEATH OF FRANK SCHORNACK.

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At the home of John Schornack in Riverside, six miles northwest of Groton, about noon yesterday, occurred an accident which sent a bright young man in eternity, and brought the deepest sadness to a large circle of relatives and friends.

John Schornack and his two sons, Frank, aged nineteen, and the other son a lad of seventeen years, were at work repairing a pump in a well in the barn. The well is thirty-two feet deep, and at present contains eight or ten feet of water. The pump had been pulled up part way and propped with a keg. The elder boy was down in the well near the water when the keg slipped and fell over twenty feet, striking him on the head. The young man went straight to the bottom, and never came up until drawn up three-quarters of an hour later with a fish hook and a trolling line. The boy's father was lowered into the water as far as possible, but couldn't reach the body.

The funeral services will occur to-morrow from the home and from the Lutheran Church, beginning at the home at 10 o'clock. The remains will be buried in Union Cemetery, Rev. Henry Bowman conducting the services.

The deceased is spoken of in the highest terms by all who knew him. The circumstances of the terrible accident are such as to enlist the profoundest sympathy for relatives of the deceased.